

forward and I appreciate the chance to cosponsor the resolution. I was one of the crazy fools in downtown Lincoln after the victory, danced around a little bit. No, I had all my clothes on and coat and everything. I wasn't one of the others. And I was one of those that waited out at Bob Devaney Sports Center and waited for three and a half hours for the team and the coach to arrive. This is one of those great moments in my life, and I think in the life of many Nebraskans, to see our team once again national champions. I can recall, as a young high school student, climbing the fence at the football stadium and sneaking in to see Johnny Rodgers and Jerry Tagge in the championship seasons of 1970 and '71 when I went to Northeast High. They don't climb those fences anymore, they've got huge concrete walls. But I think the dedication and the feeling that young people have to the team and how it inspires them affects young Nebraskans today as it did me so many years ago. And I'm very proud of our Coach. Tom Osborne is one of the finest people I've ever known, the finest people ever be in the State of Nebraska, not only as a coach but as a human being, and his staff and players are outstanding as well. And I think this resolution is, I think, a small step to try and recognize a great achievement.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, during my many years as a member of this body, I have spent considerable time on this floor, in committee meetings, on the telephone with various sports writers. I have traveled around the country and even appeared on the Phil Donahue Show to speak in behalf of the players without whom none of this would be possible. Yet not one place in the resolution, and I'm not saying it to condemn those who have sponsored it, they mean well, but they haven't thought about it as deeply as I have, nor been as deeply involved for as long. Not one place is adequate consideration and recognition given to the young men who make it all possible. Tom Osborne was given a 50,000 dollar bonus, not because he suffered a collapsed lung, not because he experienced blood clots, not because he had a strain, a sprain, a broken bone, not because he worked more assiduously and more hours than members of football teams in the National Football League, but only because he happens to be fortunate enough to coach a team made up of young men who have experienced, among them, all of the things that I've mentioned and worse. If any avocation, profession or other legalized activity that involved students